

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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ENCROACHMENT IN WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES NATIONAL PARKS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether encroachment in the Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Park zones in various States have been reported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Assam;
- (c) whether all the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries are properly demarcated in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to demarcate such areas to remove encroachments in the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (e) The management and protection of Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks including prevention of encroachment is the responsibility of the concerned State/ Union Territory Government. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 empowers the Chief Wildlife Wardens and other authorised officers in the States/Union Territories for prevention and detection of wildlife offences including encroachment and to initiate prosecution proceedings against the offenders. The information about encroachment in Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Park and action taken thereon by the concerned State Government is not compiled in the Ministry.

The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 empowers The State/ Union Territory Governments to notify National Parks and Sanctuaries for the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing wildlife or its environment. Every notification declaring a protected area issued under the Act specifies the boundary of the protected area so notified. The proper demarcation and maintenance of the boundaries of the protected areas is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The information about proper demarcation of the boundaries of the protected areas is not compiled in the Ministry.

The Ministry under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats and Project Tiger provides assistance to the States and Union Territories for various activities related to management of protected areas including activities related to their protection and maintenance of boundaries thereof.